

IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE V.CHITAMBARESH

WEDNESDAY, THE 11TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2015/20TH KARTHIKA, 1937

WP(C).No. 31376 of 2015 (V)

PETITIONER(S) :

**KERALA BUS TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
(REG NO 710/2006), SALU COMPLEX,
MISSION QUARTERS JUNCTION, T B ROAD,
THRISSUR., REP BY THE PRESIDENT JOHNSON PADAMADAN.**

BY ADV. SRI.K.V.GOPINATHAN NAIR

RESPONDENTS :

- 1. STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY, KERALA,
TRANS TOWERS, VAZHUTHACADU, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
REP BY ITS SECRETARY 695 001.**
- 2. THE SECRETARY,
STATE TRANSPORT AUTHORITY , KERALA, TRANS TOWERS,
VAZHUTHACADU, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695 001.**

R1 & R2 BY SMT.SANJEETHA.K.A., SR. GOVERNMENT PLEADER

**THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON
11-11-2015, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE
FOLLOWING:**

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER(S)' EXHIBITS :

**P1:- COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER
BEFORE THE GOVERNMENT DTD 3/5/2013.**

P2:- COPY OF THE DECISION OF THE IST RESPONDENT DTD 27/5/2014.

**P3:- COPY OF THE REPRESENTATION SUBMITTED BY THE PETITIONER
BEFORE THE IST RESPONDENT ON 25/6/2015.**

P4:- COPY OF THE DECISION OF THE IST RESPONDENT DTD 25/6/2015.

RESPONDENT(S)' EXHIBITS :

R2(A) COPY OF THE VIDE LETTER DATED 06.04.2001.

**R2(B) COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED 28.03.2001 REPORTED IN
2001 (2) KLT 209 (RAGHAVAN v. R.T.O., KOLLAM)**

R2(C) COPY OF THE JUDGMENT REPORTED IN 2010 (4) KLT 597 (SC)

**R2(D) COPY OF THE JUDGMENT OF THE LEARNED SINGLE JUDGE
REPORTED IN 2004 (1) KLT 1091.**

R2(E) COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

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P.A.TO JUDGE

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V. CHITAMBARESH, J.

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Dated this the 11th day of November, 2015

JUDGMENT

The question of extension of the life span of stage carriages to a period beyond 15 years is engaging the attention of the 1st respondent. The petitioner association contends that the life span can be extended at least upto 20 years in view of the advent of technology.

2. The learned Government Pleader on the other hand contends that the period has to be reduced below 15 years demonstrable by the innumerable issue of clearance certificates. Reliance is also placed on Exts.R2(b), R2(c) and R2(d) judgments as regards the entitlement of the 1st respondent to fix the life span.

3. I direct the 1st respondent to take the proceedings to a logical end within a period of two months from today. The same shall be done with notice to the petitioner after adverting to the contentions afore stated.

The writ petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

(V.CHITAMBARESH, JUDGE)